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AREA STUDENT WITH "MARCHING PANTHERS"

CHARLESTON, IL--Warren Koch, whose parents Mr. and Mrs. William Koch live in Centralia, is a proud member of Eastern Illinois University's Panther Marching Band. The sophomore Music Education major plays the clarinet for the band.

Koch is recording secretary for Kappa Kappa Psi, an honorary band fraternity.

There are 153 Eastern Students who devote five hours a week to march rehearsal and two hours a week to music rehearsal to bring music and spirit to Eastern's football games, as well as other sporting events and campus activities. Band Director Tom Brawner said he is proud of their hard work to bring entertainment and excitement to Eastern.

Brawner said Eastern's band performs a different half-time show every football game instead of the same show every week. "This takes a great deal of effort, but results in a show that we have a great deal of pride in."